

ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

WILBURN HILL KING, of Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county, was born in Crawford county, Georgia, in 1839; received a common school education; moved to Texas first in 1856, but returned to his native State in a short time, and did not become a citizen of Texas until 1861, when he settled in Cass county. Entered the Confederate service early in 1862, and was elected major of the Eighteenth Texas Infantry, at its organization, near Jefferson, in May, 1862, W. B. Ochiltree being the colonel, and D. B. Culberson the lieutenant-colonel; subsequently was promoted rapidly to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, colonel, and brigadier-general (the latter rank dating from the battle of Mansfield); was recommended for the position of major-general, and though he never obtained a commission to the latter rank, he had the actual command of a division, for much the larger portion of his military life, after reaching the rank of brigadier; was in command of the distinguished and gallant body of Texas soldiers known as "Walker's Division," and disbanded it at Hempstead, in this State, on Saturday, May 21, 1865, the close of the war; after the surrender, he studied law, but did not commence practice until 1872, in Cass county, removed to Jefferson, Marion county, in 1873, and in consequence of ill health, to Sulphur Springs, in the winter of 1874; has been mayor of Sulphur Springs; was elected in 1873 Representative in the Sixteenth Legislature, as a Democrat, over Dr. O. S. Davis, Dr. M. S. Posey, and John Askew, all Democrats, beating the foremost of the three (Dr. Davis), 202 votes; appointed Adjutant-General of the State by Governor Roberts, in July, 1881, to succeed General John B. Jones, deceased; confirmed by the Senate in April, 1882; renominated by Governor Ireland, and confirmed by the Senate January 19, 1883.